

IN THE CLAIMS AMEND:

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Claim 1 (Once Amended) A universal mount assembly for operably connecting an anti-theft device in one of a plurality of orientations to an article being monitored, said article being monitored including a threaded mounting aperture, the universal mount assembly comprising:

a mounting member for bringing an anti-theft sensor assembly in operable contact with the article being monitored;

the mounting member including an upper surface describing an article attachment region, a lower surface, a plurality of apertures for enabling adjustable attachment of the mounting member to the article being monitored at said article attachment region, and further including a dedicated sensor region distinct from said article attachment region for fixedly attaching an anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member to enable operable contact with the article being monitored;

an anti-theft sensor assembly fixedly attached to the mounting member at the sensor region for contacting the article being monitored to, in turn, detect tampering with the article being so monitored;

said plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three apertures with at least one of the at least three apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three apertures;

the at least three apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored via said threaded mounting aperture;

said reorientable attachment extending into at least two substantially intersecting directions of movement to optimize the restrained positioning of said article being monitored along said mounting member for mounting said anti-theft sensor assembly, in at least one preferred attachment position;

said sensor region positioned on the mounting member in a position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored.

A
Claim 8 (Once Amended) The universal mount assembly according to claim 7 wherein the anti-theft sensor assembly is fixedly attached to the sensor region on the mounting member using a double-sided adhesive member positioned between the anti-theft sensor housing and the mounting member.

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Claim 11 (Once Amended) A universal mount assembly for operably connecting an anti-theft device in one of a plurality of orientations to an article being monitored, said article being monitored including a threaded mounting aperture, the universal mount assembly comprising:

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- a mounting member for bringing an anti-theft sensor assembly in operable contact with the article being monitored;
 - the mounting member including an upper surface describing an article attachment region, a lower surface, a first plurality of apertures and a second plurality of apertures for enabling adjustable attachment of the mounting member to the article being monitored at said article attachment region, and further including a dedicated sensor region distinct from said article attachment region with a first threaded aperture for fixedly attaching an anti-theft sensor assembly to the mounting member to enable operable contact with the article being monitored;
 - an anti-theft sensor assembly fixedly attached to the mounting member at the sensor region for contacting the article being monitored to, in turn, detect tampering with the article being so monitored;
 - said first plurality of apertures being arranged in a first aperture region and said second plurality of apertures being arranged in a second aperture region;
 - said first aperture region being located adjacent to the sensor region on one side thereof, said second aperture region being located adjacent to the sensor region on the other side thereof, said first aperture region being arranged substantially opposite to the second aperture region along said mounting member;
 - said first plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three first apertures with at least one of the at least three first apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three first apertures;
 - said second plurality of apertures in the mounting member further comprising at least three second apertures with at least one of the at least three second apertures not in linear alignment with at least two of the other at least three second apertures;